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Dear Dr Fisher

An answer is long overdue to your letter to me in August and thanks for various papers. I write this in apology. I am afraid that I have no opinions to express on anything at the moment and that was why I did not write before. I have let myself in for preparing some rather difficult (because popular) lectures, and this together with other work seems likely to take up all my time this winter, and has certainly emptied my mind of everything else.

I do agree very strongly that what you want is the question of why sex works better, and

inclined to agree that the size of the population is one of the essentials, but I am afraid I have forgotten by now why I reached the conclusion.

I am sorry to be so unhelpful. I was much disappointed in Purnett's review in Nature, and would like to know whether it was dictated by fear of mathematics, or by the traditional Batesonic views, or whether he is expressing the opinions that are still prevalent

Yours sincerely,
C. Darwin